

PRIOR ART

<u>Wood</u>	6,219,978	04/24/01
<u>Fullwood</u>	5,465,537	11/14/95
<u>Watson</u>	5,911,660	06/15/99
<u>St. Martin</u>	6,371,422	04/16/02
<u>Covington</u>	5,740,639	04/21/98
<u>Renfrow</u>	6,393,777	05/28/02

The Wood patent is a device for covering the windows and doors during severe storms. However this involves drilling a hasp, which is attached to a piece of board. The homeowner must drill into his home to make it securely fit. This is different in the present device in that there is no drilling in the brick of the home in order to make this work.

The Fullwood device is perhaps the most similar however this is a storm shutter window frame system. The storm shutter system is installed in the window and is basically a window within a window. The window within a window is used to accommodate the storm shutter system, which is on a track, which can be rolled up and down depending on the specific need. This is different in this case in that the present device can be removed with relative ease.

The Watson patent is a storm window panel, which is interlocking like a puzzle on an existing window. This also involves some attachment devices to the home itself. This is different than the present case in that there is no attachment.

1 The St. Martin patent is essentially a device, which is in the
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3 form of a window jack. From top to bottom this window jack is
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5 installed to put pressure against the window jam to hold secure
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7 a piece of plywood. This however does not use an existing
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9 screen track but is in essence more of a clamping device on the
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11 outside.

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13 The Covington patent is a device, which is essentially a double
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15 panel storm shutter installation with a brace. This is again a
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17 window within a window and requires modification to the existing
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19 window in order for it to be installed. This device appears to
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21 be a permanent fixture to the home.

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23 The Renfrow patent involves window brackets. In this device the
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25 window itself is actually covered and brackets are placed on the
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27 corner of the window covering and secured to the home. Again,
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29 removal of this particular device would be difficult. Again,
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31 drilling into the home would also be involved.